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FOR INL/RM (TIM BARRY, TIM HENDERSON)

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TAGS: SNAR AFIN AMGT  
SUBJECT: LEASE WAIVER FOR POLICE

¶1. NAS requests authorization to sign a two-year lease for administrative facilities for a specialized police intelligence unit of the Ecuadorian National Police that cooperates with DHS/ICE. The police unit conducts operations against money laundering, trafficking in persons, human smuggling and other transnational criminal organizations. The property is a 340-sq meter residencial house located at Calle Segunda N44-144 y Ave. del Parque, Casa #4, Colinas del Bosque in Quito, Ecuador. The cost is USD 780 per month and the lease term would be for two years. This will be a new lease. The lease period is October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2011.

¶2. Justification: Due to the nature of its activities, this police unit requires an anonymous and secure location separate from regular police facilities, which will permit operation of controlled sensitive operations. The Ecuadorian National Police do not have a suitable facility available for this police unit.

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